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3A/EA/I/TA/SV MEDITERRANEAN SEA CRUISEXPEDITION. Bob, WA2MIH, reports to OPDX that he will be mobile on a FM handheld starting in **Istanbul, Turkey**, and ending in **Barcelona, Spain**, while on a "SHIP" from **July 12-22th**. Watch out for Bob both on land and at sea during the day and late evening hours on 2m and 440.

3D, FIJI. "The Daily DX" reports that Ron, ZL1AMO, is once again on the move to Fiji and using the callsign **3D2RW**. He should be active by the time you read this. He plans to operate for a few weeks and may activate a few IOTAs while there. Ron usually likes to be active on CW, especially on the WARC bands. QSL via his home callsign.

3DA, SWAZILAND. Frosty, K5LBU, and his daughter (stateside callsign not mentioned) will be going here on **July 5th or 6th**. They will be active as **3DA0CF** and **3DA0EW**, respectively. There will be two rigs set up, one a Icom 746 the other a Icom 706, along with the Alpha 76PA amp. They will have beams for 20/15/10 meters which are already up and working now. They also have a 6 meter beam ready to go up July 1st along with some satellite antennas. For 160/80/40 meters there is a Alpha Delta twin sloper up, but it seems to have a high SWR (Frosty plans to work on that when they get there). Activity will be on SSB. Their operations will only be **for two nights and three days** (in between touring). They will stay at **Piggs Peak** at the Highlands Inn Hotel. Also, look for them to be operating mobile from ZS-land.

4O8, KOSOVO (Yugoslavia). After 2 years of being QRT, Andy, RW3AH, is now active on the air again as **4O8/9X0A** from **Pristina**, Kosovo. At the present time Andy seems to be the only active operator from Kosovo. He will stay in this area until next year. There are a few HAMs staying in Kosovo, but they are currently not active (ex-9U5CW, 9U5DX, ON6TT, GW0HHT, and possibly some other radio amateurs). Andy is using a YAESU "FT-1000MP" radio and just a V-dipole monoband antenna for 20 meters which is up about 5 meters above the ground. He is usually active on the air from 0300-0500z/1600-2300z around 14195 kHz (SSB) and 14007 kHz (CW). QSL via Andy's home callsign RW3AH: P.O.Box-899, Moscow 127018, Russia (QSLs will be verified by Toivo/RA3AR). QSL cards will be printed by UA3AA (

<http://www.qsl.ru>), and there will be a few types, including a special full color 4 sides QSL. They are currently looking for any donations (R7, R8 or AV-640 antennas) from any individual/association for the 4O8/9X0A operation. Please send information to expedition co-ordinator - UA3AA by E-mail at: ua3aa@qsl.ru

4W, EAST TIMOR. Antonio, **4W6GH**, continues to be the most active station here. Most of his activity is on 20/17/15 meters SSB and RTTY. He spends a great deal of time on the air between 1300 and 1630z. There have been reports on the PacketClusters where there are "NO TAKERS or NOT MANY CALLING HIM". QSL CT1EGH.

6M BEACON. The MARTS (Malaysia Amature Radio Transmmiting Society) has done some improvement of their PENANG 6M Beacon. Beacon's frequency is **50.005 MHz** running 10 watts out into a 5/8 GP. Beacon is running 24 hours with NO BREAK (continuously) sending the message "**9M2TO/B QTH PENANG OJO5dj**". The members of MARTS are waiting for any QSN reports and are checking the DX-SUMMIT. The following are active 9M2 stations on 6 meters: 9M2NK, 9M2KT, 9M2KE, 9M2XA, 9M2TO, 9M2JKL, and 9M2/JI1ETU.

BY, CHINA. Fred, WF6Z, will be here **now through August 15th** as a member of the American K2 North Ridge Expedition climbing team. He will also operate from the **K2 camp base** in the **Xingiang Province** as **BT0QGL**. Look for activity on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via K6EXO.

CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 2000 RSGB IOTA CONTEST. Bill, NG3K, reports that the "RSGB IOTA Test Announced Operations" Web page is available again this year. It covers operations announced for the July 29-30, 2000 contest, as well as related operations outside the contest. The listing can be found at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/iota2000.html> It will be updated regularly. If you would like to have your contest operation added to the list, just send the full particulars (Callsign to be used; DXCC Entity; IOTA number; QSL Info; Operators call signs; Other information of interest) to Bill's E-mail address at: wfeidt@cpcug.org

ES8, ESTONIA. Look for the special callsign **ES8SC** to be activated **June 1st through August 31st** for the "**Summer Capital Award**". No other details were given.

GH, JERSEY. Chris, G0WFH, will be here **August 12-22nd** using the rare "International Short Wave League" (ISWL) club callsign **GH4BJC/P**. This will be a QRP trip on SSB only using a Elecraft K2 rig running on batteries on the north side of the island called **Devils Hole**. Suggested frequencies are: 3685 (at 1500z, ISWL net Sat/Sun), 14280, 18130, 21280, 24930 and 28450 kHz. Check out his Web page for more details at: <http://www.qsl.net/g0wfh/g0wfh/>

LZ, BULGARIA. Berkin, TA3J, and his XYL Nilay Mine, TA3YJ, (operators of the YM3LZ Contest team) will be active **June 6-13th** as **LZ/TA3J** and **LZ/TA3YJ**. Activity will be SSB only 160/80/40/20/15/10/2 meters and 70 cm. QSL via home calls, TA bureau or direct to:

- **TA3J** - Berkin Aydogmus, P.O. Box 987, 35214 Izmir, TURKEY E-mail at: ta3j@yahoo.com
- **TA3YJ** - Nilay Mine Aydogmus, P.O. Box 876, 35214 Izmir, TURKEY E-mail at: ta3yj@yahoo.com

Their Web page is at: <http://on.to/ta3yj-ta3j/>

NL7, WRANGELL ISLAND, ALASKA. Look for Don, **NL7QT**, to be active as a QRP station during the month of July (actually **June 26th-August 1st**). This will be his last trip for this year. He usually goes here several times a year mainly for major contests, IOTA and a QRP operation. Wrangell is IOTA **NA-041** in the Alexander Archipelago. Don will spend most of his time on 40 meters. He states, "I will at 0905 p.m. Alaska time (0505Z) call CQ on 7.140. As this is becoming a popular frequency, if it is busy I will try 7.145 until 7.140 is clear. I keep a receiver, FRG-100, on 7.140 at all hours." Don states to QSL via the bureau.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Kari/OH1HD/OH3RB, Juha/OH1KAG/OH9MM and Marko/OH1MYA will be active as **OH0RB, June 9-11th**. Activity will be on CW/SSB/RTTY with operations on 160-10 meters (mostly on RTTY and WARC). QSL via OH3RB.

PROJECT MILLECOM continues **through the end of the year (December 31, 2000)** and special "Air Cadet" stations **M2000Y/...** (e.g. M2000Y/MRA12, M2000Y/ MRA17, M2000Y/MRA35, M2000Y/MRA39, etc) are only active on 80/40 and 20 meters. This special project is to promote youths to communicate with one another around the world on amateur radio. For details on how to become involved with the project, check the Web pages below:

- <http://www.millecom.fsnet.co.uk/index.htm>
- <http://www.rsgb.org/millecom/index.htm>

ADDED NOTE: OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive a complete list of stations involved in the "PROJECT MILLECOM", provided by Tom/DL8AAM, as an additional bulletin.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- According to "QRZ DX", ALL direct **A52A** QSL requests have been answered as of May 31st (some 11,000 QSL). WOW! What a great turn around (2 1/2 weeks after going QRT).
- **QSL info of S500S.** This callsign was used by the "Radioclub of Nova Gorica" from May 27th through June 5th, also an entry in the CQ WPX Contest as a SOSB entry on 15m. QSLs go to S59L.
- **FO0HWU QSLs.** Denise, F6HWU, has received her QSLs from the printer. She will begin to process the 1000 card already received from her recent OC-152 operation. She must try to send all direct QSLs before her next trip to Bhutan (A5). Please be patient. Any question and QSO requests can be sent via Gilles/F6IRA E-mail address (because Denise doesn't have InterNet access) at: f6ira@enfrance.com
- If you would like to find your callsign in the **PY0F/PY2ZDX** logs, please send an E-mail message to: log.f6kpo@eudil.fr Put your callsign on the "Subject:" line and PY2ZDX-OF in the body of message.
- Jean Michel, F6AJA, is not the QSL manager for the recent **FK8KAB/P** (April 2000) operation. QSL via ARANC, P.O. Box 3956, 98846 Noumea Cedex, New Caledonia. The logs Jean does have are for the operation from Chesterfield (IOTA OC-176) from October 4th to 8th in 1993. He will forward the cards that he does receive.
- Nikolay, UX0FF, reports that he mistakenly gave OPDX the wrong P.O. Box for the special event station **EO55FI**. The correct P.O. Box is 60 - not 62! So the QSL info is via UX3FW, YURIJ KUCHERENKO, P.O.Box 60 , IZMAIL ,68600, UKRAINE.

QUEEN AMAZONA 2000 DXPEDITION (More!). As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, a Colombian (and U.S.) team of operators (Jim/HK3AVR, Phil/HK3SA, Harry/HK3ZOR, Paul/KJ5CB, Lynn/K5LYN, Ellen/KA4PPD) will activate **5K9AQ** in celebrating the "Queen Amazona 2000 DXpedition", a very long trip along the Amazona River. We were informed this week that the 5K9AQ station **will be active all year long**, and they plan to participate in the "**Colombian Independence Day**" contest in July. QSL via HK3PXA: Roberto Rey, P.O. Box 101939, Bogota, COLOMBIA. A picture of the QSL card will be posted on Buckmaster and QRZ very soon. For further information, check the Web page at:
<http://www.amazonqueen2000.com>

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for the special event "**World Geothermal Congress 2000 - WGC 2000**", to be active as **8J7WGC** and **8J7WGC/7** now through **June 10th**. Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB/CW. The station will be operated by Morioaka Club (JA7YCE) members and other JA OPs. QSL via the JARL Bureau (BUREAU is the BEST), however, don't send your QSL to the JARL, cards will be sent automatically.

SPECIAL EVENT. During the **month of June**, look for the special callsign **ED3PMT** to be active in remembrance of the **inauguration of the raising of th bridge at Port of Tarragona, Spain**. QSL via bureau.

TF, ICELAND. Ed, G3SQX, will be operating as **TF/G3SQX (EU-021)** from **July 28th and August 6th**, including the **IOTA contest** (24 hour CW section). His activity will be CW only on as many HF bands as possible. Ed will use 100w and a variety of antennas and hopes to give everyone who needs it as a multiplier. QSL via G3SQX. Check Ed's Web site at:
<http://www.G3SQX.net>

VK, AUSTRALIA. According to "The 59(9) DX Report" the Australian Communications Authority will re-allocate **3776-3800 KHz** to VK amateurs as of **January 1, 2004**.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLANDS. It has been announced that Wal/VK6KZ and Don/VK6HK will go here between **October 21st and November 4th**. Their callsigns will be **VK9CK** (VK6HK) and **VK9CZ** (VK6KZ). Two stations will be operational but their main concentration will be on 50 MHz SSB and CW (conditions permitting). The frequency 28885 kHz will be available for liaison. HF operation on 7-28 MHz will be explored if 50 MHz conditions allow. There will be a further reminder closer to departure....

XW, LAOS. Hiroo, JA2EZD, will be going **QRT** as **XW2A** on **June 6th**. However, he plans to move on to **Cambodia (XU)** and **Vietnam (3W)**. No specific dates were given.

ZA, ALBANIA. Marty, N5NW, will be operating as **ZA/N5NW** from **Tirana** from **June 10-17th**. Activity will be primarily SSB on 15/20 meters and possibly 2 meters for Europe. Operations will be limited in time, but there may be additional operations on another trip later in the year. Marty states to look for him mostly mornings and evenings local time. He will operate around an hour or two a day, if lucky. He does state, "Radio isn't the primary focus of the trip. In fact, it's third or fourth on the 'goal list'. Would especially appreciate folks listening for me Saturday, June 10th about 0800 or 0900 UTC around 14.225, cause that's when the antennas go up." QSL via KB4KA (from the Hickory Withe DX Club) w/SASE or SAE and IRC or green stamp. All others will be answered via the bureau.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Mark, KM6HB, will be here **July 10-17th**. He will be operating on 40-10 meters with an emphasis on RTTY. His callsign will be announced upon his arrival. QSL via his home call KM6HB.

OPDX INTERNET SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST: opdx-request@nshore.org

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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